

CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

- 5 1. A glove apparatus comprising: a flexible hand enclosure, the hand enclosure defining a palmer portion and a, at least one, finger portion, the palmer portion having a base layer positioned for contact with a palm of a human hand; a top layer of the palmer portion fixedly engaged over the base layer; a resilient pad engaged between the base layer and the top layer and bifurcated by an approximately linear stitching extending across the
10 palmer portion in correspondence to a lateral fold in the palm of the human hand.
2. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the linear stitching is positioned over the distal transverse crease of the human hand.
- 15 3. The apparatus of claim 1 wherein the at least one finger portion of the glove apparatus includes a middle finger portion, the middle finger portion providing a first reinforcing layer fixedly positioned over of the middle finger portion and extensive so as to cover at least a medial portion of the middle finger adjacent an index finger.
- 20 4. The apparatus of claim 3 further comprising a thumb portion; the thumb portion providing a second reinforcing layer fixedly positioned over at least a palmer side of the thumb portion.
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6. A glove apparatus for a human hand, the glove apparatus comprising: a flexible hand enclosure defining a palmer portion and plural finger portions extensive therefrom, the

finger and palmer portions configured for placement of a base layer of the palmer portion in contact with a palm of the human hand when the finger portions are fully engaged with fingers of the human hand; a topper layer of the palmer portion fixedly engaged over the base layer; a resilient pad engaged between the base layer and the topper layer; the resilient pad bifurcated by an approximately linear stitching extending across the palmer portion, the linear stitching positioned in correspondence to a lateral fold in the palm of the human hand.

- 5 7. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the linear stitching is positioned over the distal transverse crease of the human hand.
- 10 8. The apparatus of claim 6 wherein the finger portions of the glove apparatus include a middle finger portion, the middle finger portion providing a first reinforcing layer fixedly positioned over of the middle finger portion and extensive so as to cover at least a medial portion of the middle finger adjacent an index finger.
- 15 9. The apparatus of claim 6 further comprising a thumb portion; the thumb portion providing a second reinforcing layer fixedly positioned over at least a palmer side of the thumb portion.
- 20 10. An apparatus for at least partially covering a hand comprising: a palmer portion having a topper layer fixed over a base layer with a resilient pad therebetween; a linear stitching parting the resilient pad and extensive across the palmer portion and corresponding to a distal transverse crease of the human hand.
- 25 11. The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising a first reinforcing layer over a middle finger portion of the apparatus.

12. The apparatus of claim 10 further comprising a second reinforcing layer over a thumb portion of the apparatus.

13. The apparatus of claim 10 wherein the topper layer is extensive from the resilient pad 5 toward a wrist of the human hand.